



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Annual 2024

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law averaged 5.436 million during 2024 –up 0.7 percent from one year ago. Eleven industrial sectors experienced employment gains since 2023. Increases in employment ranged from 4.6 percent in Construction to 0.6 percent in Accommodation & Food Services.

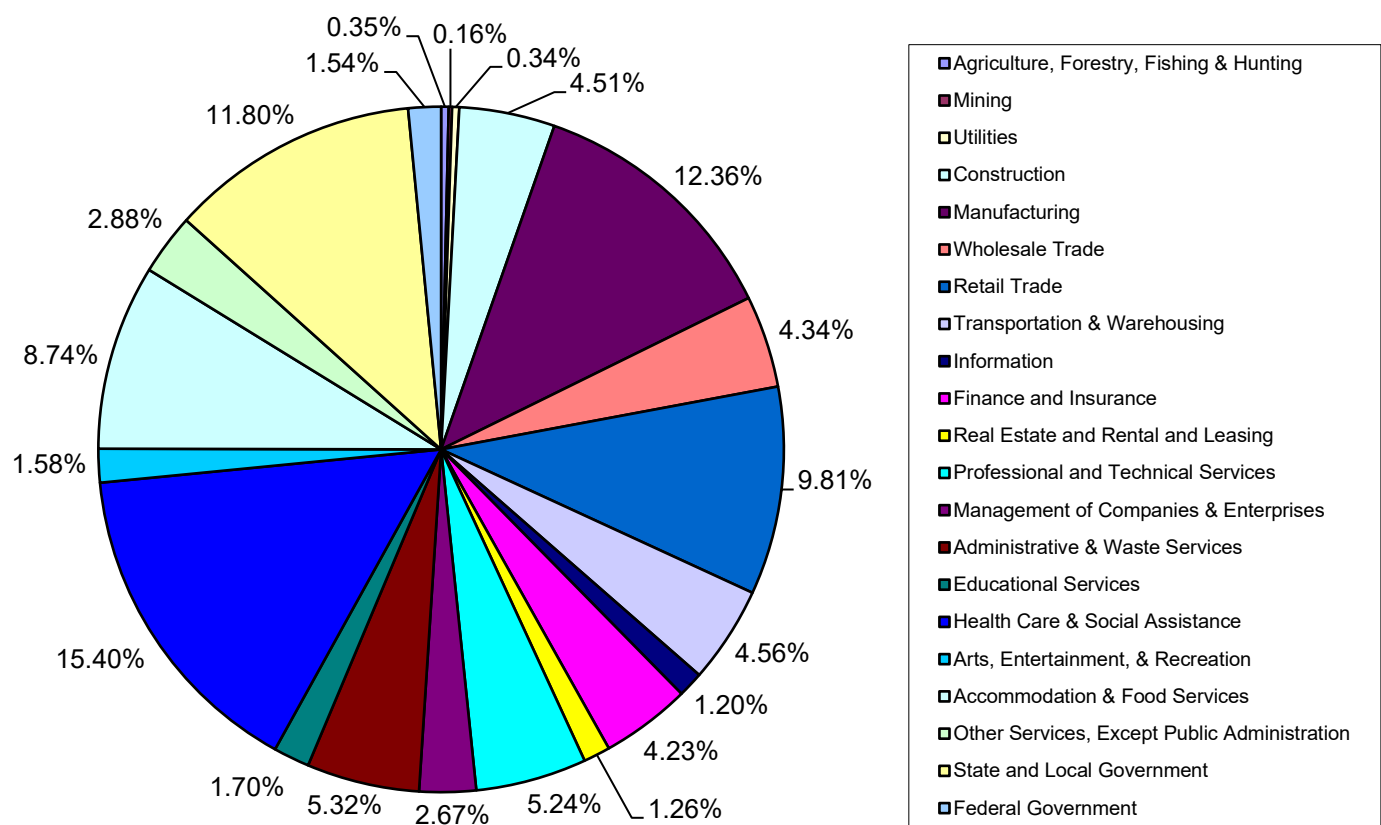
Eight industrial sectors experienced employment decreases. Decreases ranged from 4.7 percent in Administrative & Waste Services to 0.7 percent in the Manufacturing, Retail Trade, and Professional and Technical Services industrial sectors. State & Local Government employment increased 1.8 percent. Federal Government employment increased 2.8 percent since last year.

The 2024 annual payroll of \$355.67 billion was an increase of 5.2 percent since 2023. Seventeen of the industrial sectors experienced payroll increases. Increases in total wages ranged from 12.4 percent in Construction to 1.4 percent in Retail Trade. Two industrial sectors experienced a decline in total wages since 2023. Administrative & Waste Services payroll decreased 2.0 percent while Mining decreased 0.2 percent. During this same period, State & Local Government wages increased by 6.0 percent and Federal Government wages increased 6.5 percent.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment 2024	Wages (in thousands) 2024	Percent Change 2023 to 2024	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,435,705	\$355,668,506	0.7	5.2
Private Sector	4,784,025	313,510,268	0.6	5.1
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	19,579	943,701	4.5	8.2
Mining	8,729	764,780	-3.7	-0.2
Utilities	18,574	2,338,397	2.3	10.7
Construction	249,045	19,853,913	4.6	12.4
Manufacturing	682,242	52,193,833	-0.7	4.6
Wholesale Trade	239,743	22,017,558	-0.8	3.3
Retail Trade	541,361	20,332,987	-0.7	1.4
Transportation & Warehousing	251,986	15,536,727	1.2	4.3
Information	66,186	6,624,274	-2.7	6.2
Finance and Insurance	233,644	24,635,811	-2.3	3.2
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	69,624	4,472,399	0.9	5.4
Professional and Technical Services	289,145	29,095,817	-0.7	4.5
Management of Companies & Enterprises	147,195	20,174,908	3.2	9.4
Administrative & Waste Services	293,547	14,785,908	-4.7	-2.0
Educational Services	94,091	4,442,589	2.4	5.9
Health Care & Social Assistance	850,252	52,956,649	3.9	7.0
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	87,448	3,815,989	2.4	2.8
Accommodation & Food Services	482,564	11,271,681	0.6	4.1
Other Services, Except Public Administration	159,071	7,252,345	1.6	6.3
State and Local Government	651,680	42,158,239	1.8	6.0
Federal Government	84,951	8,127,817	2.8	6.5

The following chart represents the distribution of Ohio’s employment by industrial sector. Health Care & Social Assistance employed the largest number of workers with over 15 percent of the state’s workforce. Manufacturing and State and Local Government each employed more than 10 percent of Ohio’s workers.

2024 Average Annual Employment by Industrial Sector



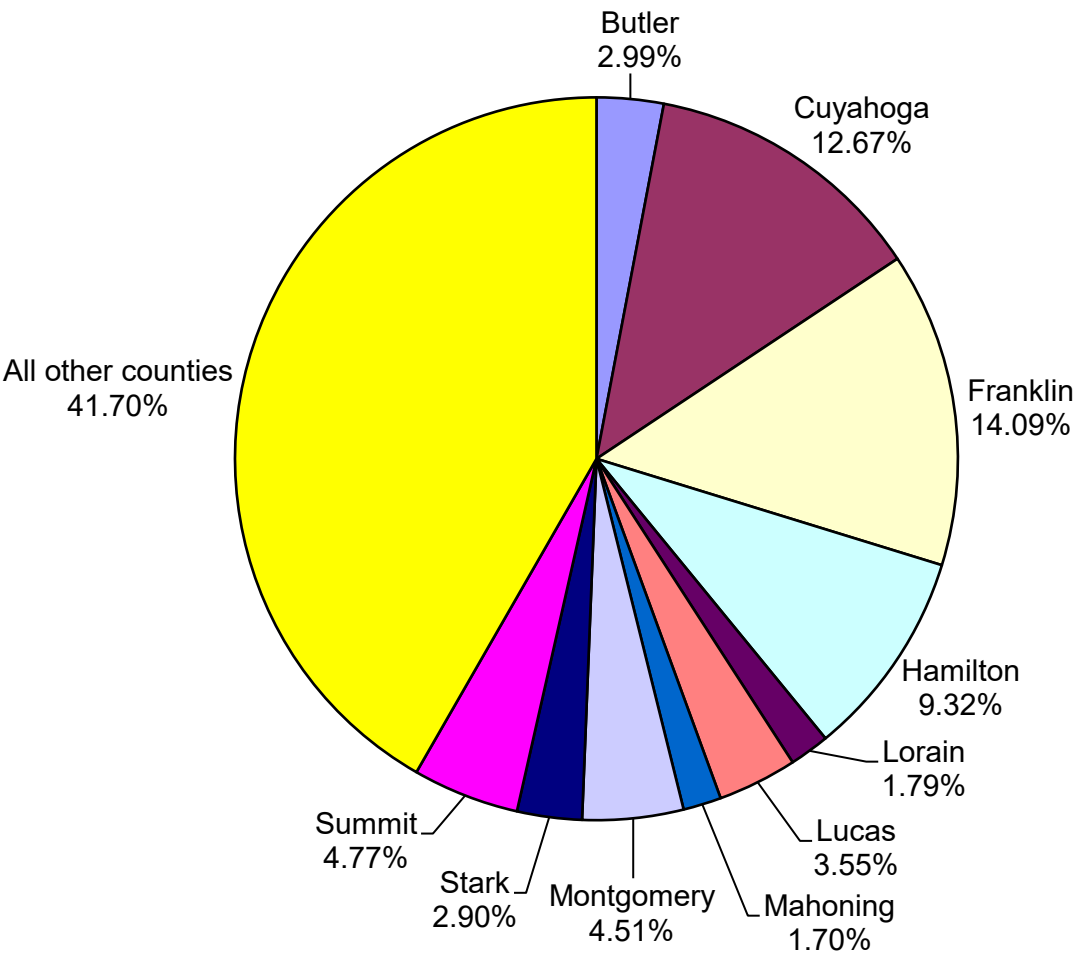
Seven of Ohio’s ten largest counties experienced employment increases since 2023. Increases ranged from 1.9 percent in Butler County to 0.1 percent in Cuyahoga and Mahoning Counties. Three of Ohio’s largest counties experienced employment declines since 2023. Decreases ranged from Lucas County at 0.7 percent to Hamilton County at 0.1 percent.

All ten of Ohio’s largest counties experienced payroll increases in 2023. Payroll gains ranged from 7.7 percent in Butler County to 3.0 percent in Lucas County.

County	Average Employment 2024	Wages (in thousands) 2024	Percent Change 2023 to 2024	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,435,705	\$355,668,506	0.7	5.2
Butler	162,498	10,434,546	1.9	7.7
Cuyahoga	688,910	51,379,588	0.1	5.1
Franklin	765,999	55,828,566	0.8	5.2
Hamilton	506,804	38,796,209	-0.1	4.3
Lorain	97,177	5,329,288	0.6	5.0
Lucas	193,089	11,981,852	-0.7	3.0
Mahoning	92,606	4,748,923	0.1	4.0
Montgomery	245,338	14,905,694	0.8	4.1
Stark	157,576	8,585,476	1.6	5.4
Summit	259,092	16,249,637	-0.2	3.3
All other counties	2,266,616	137,428,727	1.2	5.9

The chart that follows presents the percentage of Ohio covered employment in each of the ten largest counties and all other counties combined. Ten of Ohio’s 88 counties account for nearly 60 percent of the state’s covered employment.

2024 Average Annual Employment - Ten Largest Counties



Comparability with Other Data. This annual data may not compare with the monthly data published in the *Labor Market Review*. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages data are tabulated from reports of employment covered by Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law. The monthly data presented in the *Labor Market Review* are from a sample survey of employers and represent estimates of total employment in the nonagricultural wage and salary sectors.

Further Data. These data were compiled from quarterly reports for more than 343,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form by industrial sector and county. They present average annual employment tabulations and total annual payroll figures for each county in Ohio. Data for earlier periods or years and definitions of covered employment and payroll concepts are available upon request.

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